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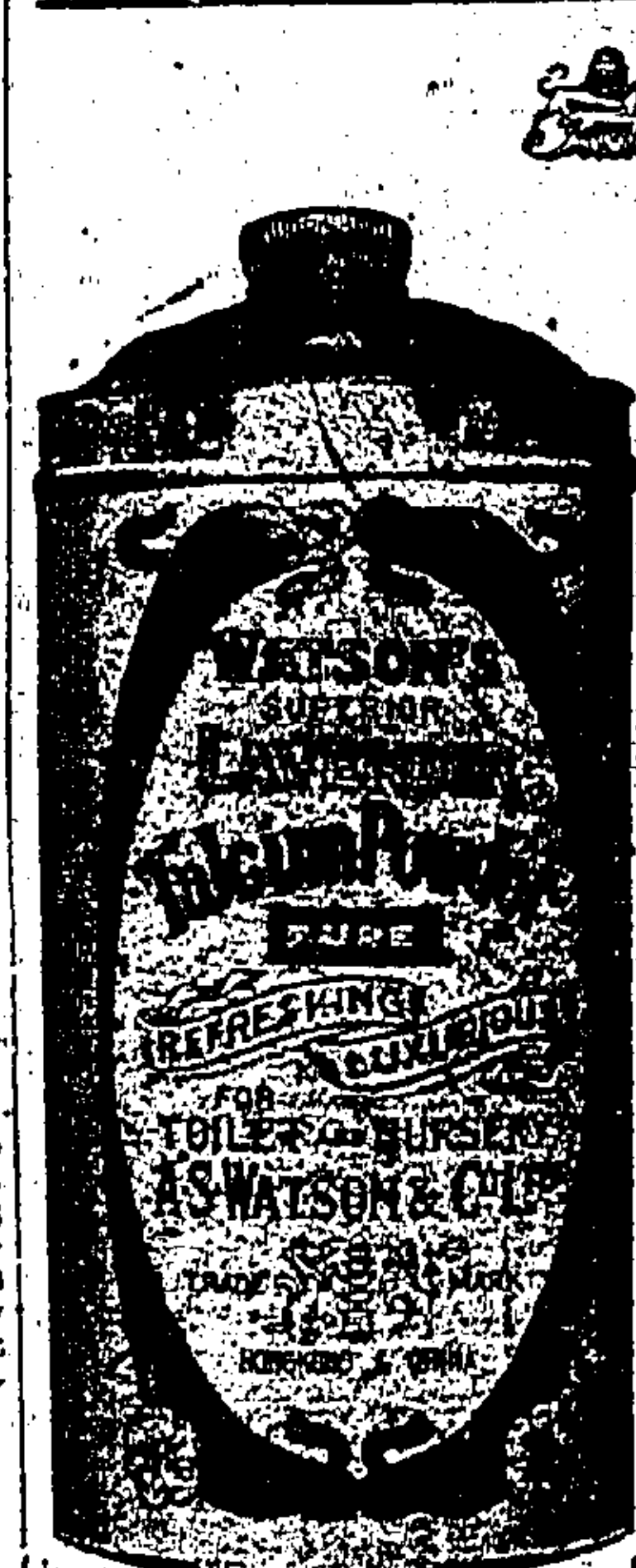
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**BRITISH OFFICIAL  
REPORTS.**

**SEVERE BATTLE CONTINUES.**

**ENEMY'S THRUSTS SMASHED.**

LONDON, April 30,

11.20 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

Following a very intense bombardment, a strong enemy party violently attacked the French and British positions from the neighbourhood of Meteren to Zillebeke.

The enemy also attacked the Belgians northward of Ypres.

Very severe fighting developed on the whole of the Allied front.

The Twenty-Fifth, Forty-Ninth and Twenty-First British Divisions completely repulsed all attempts to enter our positions, despite a constant succession of determined attacks in great strength, maintaining their line intact.

The enemy's losses were very heavy.

The French repulsed heavy attacks against the hills about Scherpenberg and Mont Rouge. At points where the enemy penetrated for a short distance of the French positions, they were quickly driven out and the greater part of the ground was regained by counter-attacks.

The Belgians repulsed all attacks after sharp fighting, inflicting severe casualties.

The fighting is continuing at certain points along the Allied battle-fronts.

Owing to bad weather, our aeroplanes dropped only a few bombs on various targets.

**FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORTS.**

**FOE'S ATTACKS BEATEN OFF.**

LONDON, April 30,

12.45 a.m.

A French communiqué states:—

There was reciprocal artillery activity north and south of the Aere and in the region of Pleumont.

An enemy detachment attempted to cross the Oise east of Warenes, but was caught by our fire and dispersed.

Two enemy aeroplanes were brought down on the 27th.

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**PRISONERS AT KEMMEL.**

**GERMANS CLAIM OVER 7,000.**

LONDON, April 29,

11.55 p.m.

A wireless German official report states:—

The total number of prisoners captured at Mont Kemmel is 7,100, and 53 guns and 223 machine-guns.

**GERMANS SUFFER HEAVILY.**

**ATTACK AFTER ATTACK SMASHED.**

LONDON, April 30,

Correspondents agree that the Germans suffered nothing less than a disastrous defeat in the first phase of the battle, consequent upon their desperate attempt to capture the line of hills the Allies hold, which endangers the enemy's possession of Mount Kemmel.

They probably used 13 Divisions from the east of Ypres southwards with two or more from the north, and the violence of the gun-fire on both sides was never greater or more unceasing in any period of the war.

The successful defence made to-day has been very bloody, so far, for the enemy, as attack after attack was smashed by artillery and infantry fire. The Germans had already suffered very heavily on Sunday, when their concentrations of troops were caught and shattered by our gun-fire. Their waves yesterday were mowed down, and the British wings and the French centre neither broke nor bent.

**GERMAN TROOPS IN ESSCHEN.**

AMSTERDAM, April 30.

Strong detachments of German cavalry were observed in the neighbourhood of Eschen, according to the Roosendaal correspondent of the Maasbode.

**PRESS CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS.**

**ENEMY'S CRAB-CLAW IDEA OF FIGHTING.**

**GREAT GERMAN LOSSES WITH NO GAINS.**

LONDON, April 29,

10.25 p.m.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, says:—

An enemy infantry attack developed over a wide front extending north of Voormezele, nearly to Meteren. The strategic object was apparently a crab-claw movement converging upon the chain of hills towards Mont Cuts.

This front is held by the French in the centre and by our Divisions on the flanks. The enemy's failure to progress at L'Ocre has undoubtedly influenced him to resort to crushing tactics, but the news so far is eminently satisfactory. Up to this afternoon the day was in our favour.

The infantry attack began at six o'clock with an attempt to advance towards Scherpenberg. This was completely held up at first. During the morning the battle extended above Voormezele. Although Ypres was not attacked the bombardment extended to it. An enemy reconnaissance in force against the Belgians was repulsed.

Everywhere on the battle-front a terrible punishment is being inflicted upon the enemy, who has thrown in Divisions with a lavish disregard of sacrifices and is once again paying the full price for no result. The Germans are realising that they are not making progress, and the modified crab-claw idea of fighting has developed into a more direct attempt against Scherpenberg and Mont Rouge. The Germans are making an intense use of their great artillery strength, but the French gunners on the hills have splendid cover and their 75's and our field-guns furiously reply. The air is full of aeroplanes, which are mostly observing. It is abundantly clear that the day's story, when told, will be all to the glory of the French and British arms.

The battle is not yet over. But as for the attack, which has been progressing for seven or eight hours without making headway, it is not premature to say that it has failed. The German Army will be weaker by many thousands by sunset to-day, for they have been fighting all day in the open, while the French and British have scarcely anywhere left their prepared defences.

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## THE RUSSIAN DEBACLE.

### ALLIES MUST GIVE "A TOKEN FOR GOOD."

Professor Simpson, the writer of the following article, who is Professor of Natural Sciences at Edinburgh, recently returned from a prolonged visit to Russia. He has for many years been a student of Russia and her problems, and during his last visit to that country was brought into touch with many of the forces which have contributed to the recent disastrous events.

The collapse of Russia raises questions of far-reaching importance, and calls for the most earnest consideration. The persistent trend to the Left that defeated all attempts at stable government and culminated in the Bolshevik coup of November 7th, resulted from the fermentation of the ideas introduced by Lenin into a medium singularly prepared by circumstances for the reception. The continuance of economic disorganization, the prolonged food crisis, the apparent Allied tardiness in any definite endeavour towards peace in the line of a democratic declaration of war—aimed at the soldiers and workers to listen to the specious Bolshevik promises of peace and bread and land and power for the people, Lenin, otherwise V. I. Ulyanoff (in 1870), was well known to Russian and international Social Democratic circles, both as a writer and organiser. He took part in the abortive Revolution of 1905, and had a great deal to do with organising the Zimmerwald International Congress, in which he took a leading part. About his views, in which there is nothing distinctively Russian, it may be said "that they had at least the merit of aplenty and thoroughness, and for the time being produced a revolutionary enthusiasm amongst those who adopted them, many of whom are perfectly sincere idealists.

**APPEAL TO THE PROLETARIAT.**  
The associated invitation to the proletariats of the different nations to rise against the bourgeoisie, with the evincing determination to crush the power of capital, ruin the constructive forces of society, and destroy the last vestige of a Church which has become the nervous rascal of the State—in short, this definite attempt to cut across the vital issues of the war in the international interests of a class—will have very little effect on other peoples that realise the challenge in these issues just as clearly, but are convinced that their readjustment can be attained through evolutionary rather than revolutionary means, and meanwhile have their eyes steadily fixed only upon the menace of the hour. Yet that, after all, in great measure is the point of view of the mass of the Russian people—particularly as represented in the Social Revolutionary Party.

Theoretically their views may not differ very much from those of the Bolsheviks, but their methods are far otherwise. They do not recognise the dictatorship of the proletariat, and in their insistence on the Constituent Assembly they showed that they would reach their ends in a representative and orderly manner. They are more nationalist and sympathetic with the Allies than the Bolsheviks, and so far as procedure goes are practically Mensheviks, or Moderate Socialists, to-day.

The present condition of Russia is at enormous disappointment both to her Allies and to numerous elements in her constitution. Nevertheless it is nothing new. There is a well-known legend from the dawn of Russian history, which tells how that people sent an invitation to the foreign Varjags to come and administer their territory:—"Our land is vast and plentiful," they said, "but there is no order in it." And the Russian philosopher and essayist, Berdyeff, commenting on the story, remarks, "How characteristic that was of the fatal incapacity and lack of desire on the part of the Russian people to produce order in their land! It is as if the Russian people did not wish a free empire—did not wish much wish freedom in their empire as freedom from empire, freedom from all care of earthly management."

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## THE RUSSIAN DEBACLE.

There cannot be any question that up to the present time the two most important events in the war have been the entry of the United States and the Russian Revolution, and that in the end they will exercise an enormous influence upon the realistic aspect of practical peace aims. It is not therefore, perhaps, remarkable that in President Wilson's Message to Congress of January 8th there should have been found the psychological note of an understanding mind:—"Whether their present leaders believe it or not, it is our heartfelt desire and hope that some way may be opened whereby we may be privileged to assist the people of Russia to attain their utmost hope of liberty and ordered peace." The Russian question is, indeed, the crux of the war. Never, therefore, was it more necessary for us to take a long-distance view of things, recognising that alongside the military combat on the Western front there is today in Russia almost as vital a battlefield, although an economic one, demanding the highest strategy.

To-day Russia and her natural resources are more than ever indispensable to Germany as compensation; her millions of illiterate and easily led peasants would provide adept workers, and perhaps soldiers, under German control and discipline. It is even possible to surmise that part of the German plan for the better assimilation of Russia may be to drive a wedge between the North and the South, so to speak, by restoring an autocracy in Great Russia while continuing to treat with the Ukraine on the basis of a republic. For under the terrorism of the Bolshevik régime matters have reached a stage at which the tired and cowed people would welcome interference from any quarter that would give promise of order and security.

If we look at Russia and ask what, in the light of actual fact, are the probabilities of the future and their political colouring? The answer may be given as follows:—Russia, if supported now, will be a Federated Republic of Socialistic States whose political complexion will be, broadly, Social Revolutionary, with a slight leaning of Cadet influence. A Bolshevik peace is bound to produce a certain reaction which will after a

time result in the aforesaid elements having an opportunity to regain some of their lost position. And after all this centripetal phase is outgrown the Russian States will come together again for pan-Slavism is a natural instinct in the sense that Slav peoples will prefer to be linked with one another rather than with peoples of another race.

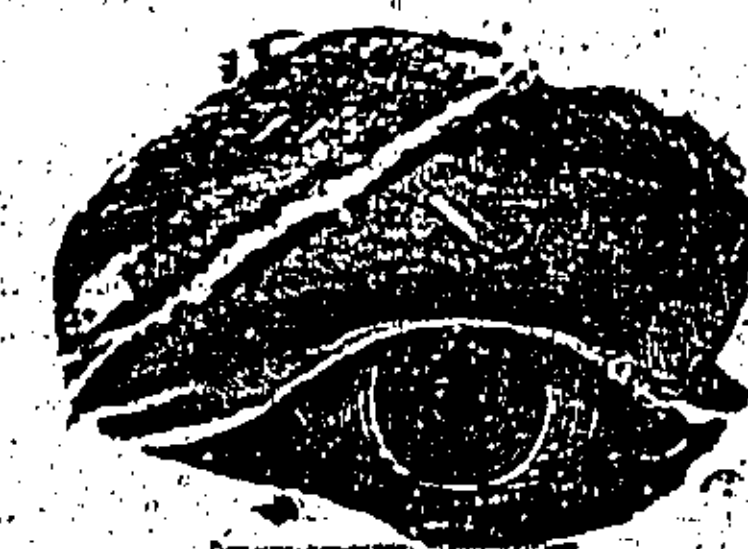
Is it, then, impossible for Great Britain, the United States, France, and Japan, acting in concert, to speak past the Government of the moment, to the heart of the Russian people, which is sound, to show them "a token for good," to provide some nucleus or organisation for internal service and resistance round which the order-loving forces of the nation can rally?

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The vital thing is to secure that the Russian people, of whom there are 180 millions in the world, for good or evil, will be able to realise on looking back, after this period of turmoil is passed, that we were patient and sympathetic with them in their hour of trial. No one of other race than ourselves responds to generosity of feeling in just the same way as the Russian, and the Russian people, at any rate, have not left us; and if we will only maintain that attitude on our part we shall more than gain in the future what we may seem in the meantime to have lost.

A steamer has arrived at Halifax, Nova Scotia, in a sinking condition, bringing evidence of what appears to be a determined attempt to destroy her. The vessel was one of a large convoy which left a United States port recently with supplies for the Allies. When about 60 miles at sea she began to sink, and it was discovered that someone on board had removed all her sea-cocks. The steamer was compelled to leave the convoyed flotilla and steam full speed for this port, where she arrived just in time to prevent her from going to the bottom.



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## TELEGRAMS.

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## THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE.

London, April 30, 4.20 p.m.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing at 11.30 this morning, says:—

The Germans fought their way through near L'Ocre as far as Hyde Park Corner, between Scherpenberg and Mont Bouge. This was one of the critical moments of the day, but the French counter-attacked fiercely and an hour later had pressed back the Germans on the flanks and held them in the centre. By three o'clock the French were holding the ground east of Konderhof Farm and L'Ocre Chateau, also part of L'Ocre village and the southern slopes of Scherpenberg. Henceforth the position became steadily more satisfactory. By half-past five the French had taken all the lost ground except a narrow strip of Hyde Park Corner. This morning they possess the whole of L'Ocre, including a hotly-contested hospice. The Allied line has been advanced between La Clette and Kemmel.

In the South we also made progress, slightly improving our position around Villers Bretonneux.

## LONG-RANGE BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS RESUMED.

Paris, April 30.

The long-range gun is again bombarding Paris.

## BRITISH AERIAL LOSSES.

London, April 20.

Major J. L. Baird, C.M.G., Parliamentary Air Secretary, replying in the debate on the Air Force, said our air losses last month were practically the same as those in April, 1917, when similar activity reigned for air supremacy.

The German machines seem to crash were alone three-and-a-half times over the total of April last year.

During the recent offensive our establishment of machines was never more than three short. (Cheers.)

## THE FUTURE BELONGS TO GERMANY.

GERMAN STAFF OFFICER'S VIEWS.

London, April 30.

Writing in *Der Tag*, Colonel Buddecke, of the German General Staff, urges against peace without victory. He says: "Whereas the other European countries have passed the climax in their history, Germany, eternally young and newly invigorated, is obviously admirably qualified with her Kultur to maintain the peace of the world. The future belongs to Germany as the conquerors of the prize."

## ENEMY ALIENS IN AMERICA.

GERMANY MUST PAY FOR UP-KEEP.

Washington, April 30.

The State Department has announced to Germany, through the Swiss and Swedish Legations, that she must pay for the up-keep of enemy aliens interned in the United States and also for their families.

A National Committee is being formed in order to raise subscriptions to assist law-abiding enemy aliens, who have become objects of charity.

## PRINCE LICHNOWSKY'S PROSECUTION.

NO IMPARTIAL COURT CAN CONDEMN.

Amsterdam, April 30.

Herr Harden, writing in the *Zukunft*, declares that no impartial Court could condemn Prince Lichnowsky, whose Memorandum contains no essential statement and no main idea which can be contradicted.

## HUNGARIAN CABINET CRISIS.

WHY WEKERLE DECLINES TO FORM A CABINET.

Zurich, April 30.

A message from Budapest states that Dr. Wekerle, owing to his inability to reach an agreement on the details of the *Financie Reform Bill*, has declined to form a Cabinet.

## THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

IS THE MONARCHY RESTORED? NOTHING KNOWN IN GERMANY.

London, April 30.

The German Government have taken up the Swedish Press reports of the disturbances at Petrograd and the restoration of the Monarchy.

Baron von dem Busche, Foreign Under-Secretary, has telegraphed to Herr Trabach, Ambassador at Moscow, in which he mentions the Swedish reports and says he has received a letter from Petrograd, dated April 13, stating that a Monarchist pronouncement is imminent and that Alexieff, Gutschkoff, Milinkoff and Rozhinski are at Petrograd. Baron von dem Busche suggests that the reports are not improbable and asks for a telegraphic reply.

## RUMOURS DISCREDITED IN FRANCE.

PROBABLY A GERMAN MANOEUVRE.

London, April 30.

French newspapers are of the opinion that the rumours of the restoration of Tsarism in Russia are probably a German manoeuvre in order to discredit the Russian prominent men who are pro-Entente. They point out that it is to the interest of Germany that the trouble should rise in Petrograd in order to justify German intervention.

It is suspected here that the German inquiry from Moscow regarding events in Petrograd is merely "camouflage," as it is asserted that the Germans are fully aware of what is happening in Petrograd.

## WHITE GUARDS CAPTURE VIBORG.

NEARLY ALL DEFENDERS KILLED.

Copenhagen, April 30.

The White Guards have captured Viborg, which is the last strong fortress of the Red Guards.

Nearly all the defenders were killed.

## KORNILOFF NOT DEAD.

Amsterdam, April 30.

The German papers contradict the report that General Korniloff died of wounds, and say he was marching on Örebro not with the object of the restoration of the Monarchy but to convulse Parliament.

## GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN RUSSIA.

DEMAND FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

Washington, April 20.

Germany demands the immediate release of all 15 German prisoners of war, while the sick will remain in Russia, under the care of neutral physicians. Germany will only release unfit Russians.

## JAPANESE INTERVENTION IN SIBERIA.

ABSOLUTELY FREE HAND WANTED.

London, April 30.

The *Times* Correspondent at Tokio says Count Muro, who is appointed Minister of the Interior in succession to Baron Goto, announces that he will pursue the aggressive policy of Viscount Motono. This is interpreted to mean that Japan is ready to intervene in Siberia, but must have the mandate of the Powers and an absolutely free hand.

The resignation of the Cabinet is believed to be imminent.

## ARMED HUNGARIAN PRISONERS IN SIBERIA.

DEFEATED BY SEMENOFF.

London, April 30.

The *Times* Peking Correspondent says the Siberian Command Leader, General Semenov, has defeated 500 armed Hungarian prisoners, who tried to prevent the junction of General Semenov with another body of Cossacks.

## MAY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS.

Paris, April 30.

The Executive of the French Socialist Party has issued a manifesto deciding not to hold demonstrations on May Day, because "German Imperialism is seeking to secure a crushing victory in the West similar to the East. Therefore, the primary duty of all citizens is to defend the Country."

## AUSTRIA WANTS PEACE.

CATHOLIC APPEAL TO ITALY.

Stockholm, April 30.

The Catholic International Press Agency of Switzerland announces that the Emperor Karl is making a fresh effort to secure peace, and appeals to Italy to consider the matter well in her own interests.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMER SUNK.

115 PASSENGERS SAVED.

Holyhead, April 30.

The Canadian Pacific steamer *Oronau* has been torpedoed and sunk. A hundred and ten passengers, including 57 Americans going to France in connection with the Y.M.C.A. work and five ladies, have been saved.

Three of the crew are missing. It is reported that the engineer was killed by the explosion.

Survivors from the *Oronau* state that there were altogether 250 souls on board. The ship was torpedoed and the boilers blew up three minutes later. The survivors were half-an-hour in the boats. When aboard the destroyer, American survivors sang "The Star-spangled Banner," "God Save the King," and "Onward Christian Soldiers." When the destroyer berthed, Lord French came aboard and congratulated the Americans on their escape.

The Captain of the *Oronau*, interviewed, said that when he was on the bridge he felt a bump. Realising that the ship had been torpedoed, he ordered the boats to be lowered. All kept very cool and filled the boats in five minutes. The *Oronau* sank in ten minutes. Several of the Y.M.C.A. party said that if they could return to America they would stir up the country against the cowardly Germans.

## AN ABSURD BERLIN UNTRUTH.

ADMIRALTY DENIAL.

London, April 20.

The Swedish papers print a telegram emanating from Berlin stating that the entire fleet of British transports is waiting in the Channel to bring the British Army home in case of need.

The Admiralty has informed Reuter's that the report is absolutely without foundation.

## A GERMAN WHO WOULDN'T BE REPATRIATED.

COMMITTS SUICIDE IN ISLE OF MAN.

London, April 30.

Herr Frederick Brandauer, the millionaire pen manufacturer, committed suicide by taking veronal in the Isle of Man, where he was interned.

When recently notified about repatriation he said he would rather die than return to Germany. He left a letter in which he stated that the death agony was nothing compared to the agony of repatriation.

## THE IRISH TROUBLE.

QUESTIONS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, April 30.

In the House of Commons, Mr. K. G. Butcher (Unionist Member for York) asked: Has the Premier obtained advice regarding the illegality of the present conspiracy in Ireland to render the enforcement of conscription in Ireland impossible? The Rt. Hon. Mr. E. E. Duke (Secretary for Ireland) replied: The Government will be advised on the occasion demands on questions of law.

Major J. B. P. Newman (Unionist Member for Enfield) called attention to the fact that 17 K.C.'s in Ireland had pledged themselves to resist conscription.

Mr. Duke replied that the Attorney-General of Ireland was considering the matter.

## INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE.

London, April 30.

No decision has been reached by the Conference of British and American Laborites as regards an International Peace Conference. The American delegates have left on a visit to the Western Front, after which the Conference with the British Laborites will be resumed.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND FLANDERS.

CEASELESS ARTILLERY ACTIVITY ON BRITISH FRONT.

London, April 29.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—

Last night there was intense, almost ceaseless, hostile activity in the North where great concentrations of howitzers and field batteries maintained hurricane bombardments of wide sections of the Allied Front practically all the way from La Bassée to the south of Houthulst Forest. The Germans also kept up a furious fire for nearly three hours on the front from Vimy to Lens. This morning the bombardments were renewed on our line south of Yvermezele, and the French positions in the vicinity of L'Ocre were plastered with explosive shrapnel.

## ENEMY ADVANCE AT YPRES CONTEMPLATED.

Our troops around Ypres several times signalled for artillery support after dawn. The tremendous bombardment point almost to the certainty that the Germans will attempt to advance here.

Yesterday enemy airmen were very active over Mont Rouge, from where it seems certain the Germans intend trying to push westward from Kemmel.

In the South things were fairly quiet throughout the night. Documents we have recently captured show that the Germans counted upon developing a regular drive towards the coast, the time table of which has altogether gone to pieces. A certain Division was due to be at Mont Caté on April 26, but this Division, instead of going forward, moved backwards to rest and refit.

## FRENCH DETACHMENTS PENETRATE ENEMY LINES.

London, April 29.

A French communiqué says:—

The Germans at night time attempted several attacks on Hangard wood. Our fire stopped all attempts.

There was great reciprocal artillery activity from Villers Bretonneux to the Luce and between Lesigny and Noyon. Detachments penetrated the enemy lines in the region of Corbény, towards Courty, on the right of the Meuse and in Upper Alsace and brought back prisoners. There was very lively artillery activity on the front at Fossez wood and Carrières wood.

## AN AMERICAN FORCE UNDER FRENCH COMMAND.

London, April 29.

Reuter's Correspondent at American Headquarters states that an American force has entered the line along the French battle-front under a French command, in which all ranks have supreme confidence.

This American sector is receiving more than the normal shelling.

## THE AIR FORCE STAFF.

SIR H. TRENCHARD'S RESIGNATION DISCUSSED.

London, April 29.

In the House of Commons in the debate on the Air Force estimates, Lord Hugh Cecil strongly appealed to the Government to reinstate Sir David Henderson and Major-General Sir Hugh Trenchard, C.B. It was stated that Sir Hugh Trenchard was unwilling to receive advice from amateur strategists in the Cabinet.

Mr. Lloyd George replied that the suggestion that any members of the War Cabinet had given Sir Hugh Trenchard such advice was entirely groundless and most offensive.

The Premier added that the Cabinet asked General Smuts, whose tact, sagacity and knowledge of war no body could doubt, to investigate whether Sir Hugh Trenchard's resignation should be accepted. General Smuts concluded that Sir Hugh Trenchard's special qualities were not being used to the best advantage. In his position on the Air Staff, Sir Hugh Trenchard had rendered invaluable services to the Government and to the Air Force, but Sir Hugh Trenchard was better advised to stand by his post.

Mr. Lloyd George said that Sir Hugh Trenchard was a man of considerable power in the Air Force. The Premier paid a high tribute to the work of Lord Rothermere as chief of the Air Force, which had emerged triumphantly from an unprecedented test. (Cheers.)

Mr. Asquith declared that it was nonsense to say that Sir Hugh Trenchard had no organizing power. It was very regrettable that no member of the War Cabinet communicated with Sir Hugh Trenchard during the fortnight in which the latter's resignation was pending.

Sir Edward Carson asked what position Sir Hugh Trenchard would have given a pinch of land or a handful of mortar to redeem them?

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## THE ARMY COUNCIL.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT.

London, April 29.

The Press Bureau announces that Lord Milner has appointed Mr. Ian MacPherson as Vice-President of the Army Council and Acting Deputy War Secretary. Mr. MacPherson will thus be able to render him much-needed assistance in dealing with the administrative business of the War Office.

## THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

DATE NOT YET FIXED.

London, April 29.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Haining stated that the date of the Imperial Conference has not yet been settled.

The list of questions for discussion was a matter for the Conference.

## COLONIAL GOVERNORSHIPS.

London, April 29.

Brigadier-General Sir William Manning, K.C.M.G., C.B. (Governor of Jamaica since 1913), has been appointed Governor of Ceylon, vice Sir John Anderson, deceased.

Sir Leslie Frobyn, K.C.M.G. (Governor of Barbados since 1910), succeeds Sir William Manning at Jamaica.

Lieut. Colonel Charles O'Brien, C.M.G. (Governor of Seychelles since 1912), succeeds Sir Leslie Frobyn as Governor of Barbados.

## THE RUSSO-GERMAN PEACE PARCE.

ANOTHER GERMAN THREAT.

Washington, April 29.

The State Department learns that Germany is sending to Russia a big commission to present demands regarding an exchange of prisoners. Failing compliance with this, Germany threatens to occupy Petrograd.

## GERMAN INTRIGUE IN PERSIA.

THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK.

London, April 30.

Reuter learns that a number of documents lately discovered in Persia demonstrate that, like the German agents in the United States who described their American hosts as "Idiotic Yankees," the German emissaries in Persia had the utmost contempt for the "Persian swine" and the country wherein they were intriguing.

Most of these documents are letters written by Herr Wustrow, German Vice-Consul at Shiraz, to Herr Wassmuss, German ex-Vice-Consul with a roving commission to stir up trouble against the British along the Persian Gulf. In one letter Herr Wustrow writes, "I always think of jellyfish when I look at these people." In another, "What good to us is the silly jabber with which the leaders of a nation who are below even the usual Persian level stuff us up. This sort of man can only be tamed by force." In a third letter he said, "How nice it would be to recoup our losses from English property here but the Persians did the work and I must avoid the impression that we wish to utilize their patriotic fervour for our own ends." Another extract, which reveals the game of the German officials, says—"You offered me not one but two thousand Tuman—one thousand for agitation purposes and the other for a 'certain purpose'."

A letter from Doctor Niedersmayer calls the Persians "incredibly gross swine" and complains that after we had doctored more than six thousand Persian swine, as a doctor, I have been kept nine months enmeshed by this scum of a people."

## ATTEMPT TO RESTORE FALLEN TARDOM.

Every step forward into Russia carries the Germans nearer to the railway leading to Tobolsk. They may soon have it in their power, says the *Daily Chronicle*, to restore the fallen Tardom.

Would the Germans stand by? For surely not willingly, though Bolshevism has made their world unsafe for democracy. But the position of the Tsar of Constantinople, of Ferdinand, of the ruling caste in Turkey, reflects an astonishing modification in the attitude of nations towards their sovereigns. Lord Rosebery must realize how vast an upheaval of opinion has been effected since he wrote on the subject 14 or 15 years ago.

He put an increasing probability of the capture of Napoleon, Napoleon had, as was possible in 1813 or 1814, captured the Allied Sovereigns. "There would have been no question of Napoleon's immuring or exiling the sovereigns of Austria, Prussia or Russia; their countries would not have endured it. Their subjects would have ended provinces and fortresses, and regained their masters in exchange. Were the sovereigns of those countries with their military supporters now safely in bondage, would they not give a pinch of land or a handful of mortar to redeem them?"

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## THE WALLS OF JERICO.

In capturing Jericho General Allenby's troops have trespassed on a portion of the Sultan's private estate. It has always proved a difficult city to defend, since the dramatic fall before the rashness of Joshua. One excuse for its frequent defeats has been urged in the humidity of its atmosphere, the dew lying in a hollow, but that circumstance could hardly account for the collapse of the walls. Many theories have been advanced to obtain evidence for the Biblical account, some asserting that the English version is too drastic, and that the walls merely gave way under the continued shock of tramping hosts, sufficiently to make a breach. Another view is that the walls, "high and fenced up to heaven," toppled over of their own weight, under that steady tramp of armed men.

Jericho's palm grove and gardens of balsam were presented by Antony to Cleopatra, and were burned for her until Herod the Great bought them and made himself a country seat there. "In the neighbourhood of Jericho the famous Knab's Templar founded their Order, with a nucleus of nine knights banded together in defence of the thousands of pilgrims who went down to bathe in the Jordan."

There is evidently such a thing as being too well prepared; the Germans built the *Vatzen* in such a way that she could be taken upon a surprise, and a loop-hole. Philadelphia, North America.

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A wounded missionary who came home from China to join up at the beginning of the war made an unusual request, at the hospital, says the *Daily Chronicle*. Could he have a Chinese nurse? When told that there were none available, he was a little disconcerted. "There ought to be a few imported," he said, "for persons who have lived a long time in the Orient. There are a number of them in Chinese cities. They have been trained by English and American missionaries, and as soon as they begin to learn how to nurse, they beat their instructors in gentleness and patience." He was surprised that those who had known their ministrations abroad did not ask for them here.

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Shanghai and North China	Thursday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.		
Straits, Ceylon, India via Dhanushkodi	Thursday, 2nd, 9.45 A.M.		
and Europe	Letters 10.30 A.M.		

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Wednesday, 1st May at 5 p.m.		
Saigon ... ..	Thursday, 2nd	2.00 P.M.
Hoihow and Haiphong ... ..	Thursday, 2nd	5.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands ... ..	Friday, 3rd	2.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China ... ..	Saturday, 4th	2.00 P.M.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt	Naturday, 4th May.	
and Europe.	Registration	8.00 P.M.
	Sunday, 5th May.	
	Letters	9.00 A.M.
The Parcel Mail will be closed on Saturday, 4th May at 5 p.m.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung	Sunday, 5th	9.30 A.M.
Sandakan, Australia New Zealand via	(Monday, 6th	

Sydney	Registration 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Philippine Islands, Japan via Moji, Canada, United States, Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B.C.	Monday, 6th. Registration 11.45 A.M. Letters 12.30 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tuesday, 7th. Noon

Shanghai and North China	Tuesday, 7th	1:00 P.
Philippine Islands, Sandakan, Australia, New Zealand via Port Darwin and New Guinea via Thursday Islands	Wednesday, 8th	
	Registration	9:45 A.
	Letters	10:30 A.
Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Takao and Amping	Thursday, 9th	7:00 A.
Tientsin	Thursday, 9th	11:00 A.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Friday, 10th	Noon

**SHARE QUOTATIONS.**

<p><b>HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE</b></p> <p>HONGKONG, 1st MAY, 1918.</p>	<p><b>SINGAPORE RUBBER SHARE MARKET.</b></p> <p>MESSRS. FRASER AND CO.</p>
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OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.		QUOTATIONS.	
11 A.M.		—	
BANKS.			
Hongkong Banks	\$385 sa.	Singapore, April 22	
MARINE INSURANCE.			
Canton Ins.	\$335 b	Alor Gajah (\$1)	8.50
North China Ins.	T. 120 b	Amal Malay (y. pd.)	2.75
Union Ins.	\$300 n	Ayer Hitam (\$3)	13.00

Yangtze Ins. Co. (Siam) .....	193.00	Ayer Kuning (S1) .....	1.00
Fire Ins. RANCA .....	\$193.00	Ayer Molek (S1) .....	2.25
China Fire Ins. Co. ....	\$310.00	Ayer Panas (S5) .....	10.25
Hongkong Fire Ins. ....	\$310.00	Balgownie (S1) .....	5.50
Sumitro .....	384.00	Bassett (S1) .....	1.00
Douglases .....	384.00	Bukit Jelatong (S1) .....	0.80
H.K. Steamboats \$12.50 b. & 20 sa.			
Indo-China (Prof.) .....	\$32.50 b.		
Indo-China (Prof.) .....	\$136.61 sa.		

Shells	120/-	Bukit Kati (81)	0.85
Star Service	82/-	Bukit Timah (34)	...
Barrore	...	Bukit K. E. (81)	0.80
China Sugars	284 s.	Changkat S' dang (25)	7.35
Malabar Sugars	234 1/2	Glensay (35)	2.15
Misro	...	Haytor (35)	7.25
Kailan Mining Adm.	40/-	...	...
Langkate	T. 16 b.	...	...

Rauba	.....	350 b.	Maragani (\$0).....	7.15
Tromb Mines	.....	150 b.	Jerani (\$1).....	6.10
Ural Caspians	.....	150 b.	Jinab (\$1).....	1.85
DOCKS, WHARVES, COOYERS, &c.			Kilemka K. (\$5).....	6.50
H. & K. Wharf	.....	\$81 s.	Kampas (\$2).....	8.00
H. & W. Docks	.....	\$120 b. & 120 a.	Lunas (\$5).....	6.75
Shah Docks	.....	T 108 b.	Malaka Pinda.....	2.45
LANDS, HOMES & BUILDINGS				
Colonial Estates	.....	\$ 90 n.		

1	1	Hongkong Hotels	...	\$ 871 b.	Malakoff (#2)	...	4.25
1	1	Hongkong Lands	...	\$ 835 n.	Mandai-Tekong (11)	...	0.75
1	1	Humphreys	...	\$5.75 n.	Mergul (#5)	...	6.25
1	1	Kowloon Lands	...	\$ 227 n.	New Serendah (#2)	...	4.00
1	1	West Points	...	\$ 75 n.	Nyalas (#5)	...	6.75
1	1	Corron Myna	...	T. 180 a.	Paiam (#3)	...	12.50
1	1	Ewo Corrons	...	T. 154 b.			
1	1	Kung Yike	...				

1	Shanghai Cottons.....	7.50 c.	Fantai (\$1).....	1.35
0	Yangtzepeeps.....	8.60 b.	Pular Baking (\$10).....	4.35
0	Oriental.....	36 n.		
0	<b>MISCELLANEOUS.</b>			
2	China-Borneo.....	\$9.00	Punggo (\$1).....	0.65
0	China Lights.....	\$4.75 b.	Rodella (\$5).....	10.60
3	China-Provident.....	77.25 b.		
0	Dairy Farms.....	\$29 n.	Sandycraft (\$2).....	2.50
9		\$6.65 b.	Shanghai (\$5).....	7.95

		Geng Hongkong Electric	\$65 s.	Sembromg (\$1)	0.20
		Hongkong Elec.	\$220 n.	Sungai Bagan (\$2)	3.50
		Hongkong Hopes	\$25 b.	Tambak (\$1)	0.90
		H.K. Tramways	\$3.80 ss.	Teluk Anson (\$5)	18.00
		Peak Tramways (Old)	\$6.50 ss.	Tiakbat (\$2)	1.18
		do (New)	\$ 1.35 b.		
1	b	Stein Laundry	\$4.00 n.		
		Water-boats	411 ss.		

1	Watsons	.....\$0.00	Ula Pandan (\$1)	.....0.68
2	Powells	.....\$3.00	United Malacca, (\$1)	.....1.00
3	H.K. Steel Foundry	.....\$10 n.		

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OFFICIAL NIGHT IN MAY.		HONGKONG TIDES	
The tide table given below for		The tide table given below for	

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of May 1918:

Date	Ends	Begin
March 1	5.40	7.00 p.m.

The zero of the table corresponds to the zero of the sounding in the Ad-

2nd.	5.40	7.0	Chart, which has been found to be 3 inches below mean sea level.
3rd.	5.30	7.01	To obtain a depth of 7 feet, the
4th.	5.28	7.12	gauge at the Victoria Narrows
5th.	5.38	7.62	is about 4 feet 4 inches, and on the
6th.	5.37	7.12	at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add
7th.	5.36	7.02	1 inches to the height given, and
8th.	5.28	7.02	
9th.	5.38	7.12	

May 2nd and 3rd, 1918.

LOW W		HIGH W		LOW W		HIGH W	
Mean	Time	Mean	Time	Mean	Time	Mean	Time
10th	5.35	7.01					
11th	5.34	7.04					
12th	5.34	7.04					
13th	5.33	7.05					
14th	5.33	7.05					
15th	5.32	7.06					
16th	5.32	7.06					
17th	5.31	7.07					
18th	5.31	7.07					

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75	2844	0.24	713	Man. Limited by Shares
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78	584	0.37	715	Exchanged
73	Fla	0.57	716	

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